a parroy confirm of the apeniment, curses not at the type the works that a fistener could have disputed nothing, save a rumbing, ordinate and, the the voice of the far distant temport.

Who to my accusor?" he blased, while his a gleamed and his teeth glistened as that mbeam full upon his fierce, dark face. "I thought myself so secure, every plan so madd who is my accusor? Would to heaven I to There is no one to suspect, unless it be I to, no, I wrong her for our nices it be Julia! Yet, no, I wrong her for once; she loved me too wall for that, I had her too much in my and ther, my arrest affected her so ved me well, almost too well, as I was desitous of soon having her out of my way. No other losing being known of the deed or of any of my plots, urises it be ha. I have it! I so, where I have been betrayed. They could Prompay, the negro, has been caught; and Me, and confessed that I promised to mid in escaping; from his assertions, they have imagined the rest. If he wore those fated garmen's, and they have recognized them, It has helped them to a conclusion, but a slave's evibisstatement, and bring forward arguments they cannot disprove. I'd have them ye'; but would ie Ged I know my accurer! I would then know what to do. In the morning I chall dispatch some of my friends, in Richmone

I detalless there whom I have helped, whe austaid me out of this difficulty. I must baye a gredential for my character, which will a most cases stand public scrutiny, no matter w many of my enemies, and I have many, to be true, but other acts, and other deeds, have moment when my dearest wish was bout to be accomplished, when she would have on my wife; (two weeks at the farthest will see her in her grave) and her property mine, for I should have arranged matters im-mediately—new, however! The thought is madeens, anothers!" and he struck his furchesd ordbly, with his hand.

hadder when I think of it, did not the shade of he dead say my secret was safe from me, my relebment was hereafter."

"They say a spirit never departs from the truth. I'll hope again! I'd send for ab'e counsel, de. mand a speedy trial, and be free as soon as pos-In the warden's room were seated the warden

"Jam," exc almed the latter. " what do you link of your prisoner?" "Well, Joe, I don't trow what to think of him ; ha, he's so centlementy and aristocra ic. Did you say the bi rgo was murder ?"

"Yes, the murder of George Cranliffe."

crest Road, and such a time male about it? Twas an awful bloody affair."

"So it was Tim, and not withstanding his good looks, &c., he is a villain if he committed that dead, for it was alone in the most rancally, cowardly manner! Never give a man a chance to fight for his life, but kill without warning, as it was evident from appearances."

"Um? Joe, will you take a glass of suthin' either to warm or cool you, before you go? Tien't a cold night, but a glass now and then livens a fellow." "I will with pleast, a."

The warden stepped to the end of the room, and, opening the dor, put his head through the aporture, and lustily called his wife.

The lady soon made her appearance. She was a cowely, little woman, with bright grey eyes, and soft brown hair, tidfly smoothed from her forehead, and twisted in a knot above the white lines cellar, spotless as new fallen enow, which acred the neat bine dress.

With a friendly greeting to the officer, she set about making ome punch, which was soon ready for the host and his guest to partake of. "I say, Joe," asked Bennet, "is the prisoner innocent, think?"

" Well, Tim, it is a hard matter to say, but the trial will come off soon, and then we'll know. To morrow be'll write for his friends." "Did the folks make much fuse at the Hall,

7ten you arrested him, um?" "Mrs Cranlife fainted, and the rost were ate with astonishment."

Did none offer to aid him, eh ?"

" He seked none, and they were all so confused and amazed, they didn't think of it, I sup-

"Who is his accuser ?" " I don't know."

"Twill be a pretty tough trial ! the man was mardered so long ago."

"That won't affect it much, if there are wit-

nesses, and proof enough against him. If it was twelve years, it wouldn't make no difference— you see, 'marder will out.' Bradford passed the whole night pacing his call, his guilty foars, his rage, his disturbed possions, allowing him no res', yet still he rea-cated with himse f that it was impossible for

him to be condemned; with the dawn, the warden placed writing materials before him, and seeing bis usersy manner, remarked : "The prison air doesn't seem to agree with you, iir. Ha! ha! It rarely does with those

under my charge!" and he loughed heartly.
"The atmosphere of guilt never does with innocence, "replied Bradford, as he turned from the fold brought him, and seated himself to write his letters. An hour after he summoned Bennet, and placed them unscaled in his hands, requesting to have them sent as soon as possi-

bie to their destination. Nothing wrong in them, I hope." "Simply theding my friends come to Ingle-tor, trigging with them counsel, to clear my

Dam e from this full asperator." "All right, sir!" and the warden departed.

The few who had witnessed the arrest of
Bradford at Craniffe field, congregated at the
house of Widow Wantaman, a lady with some little means, whose options was situated a short distance from Rom Ville, ferming a kind of toodquarters for her friends, when anything unusual was to be distanced.

Twas about aloven o'clock in the menting, at the widow sat in her large rocking chair, in bearing that y titule parlor, her hands folded complements over the legisting, which lay in her one was tale, fat and herty, with morey Itticblack eyes, tound rosy cheeks, & plu

figure, medium height, and lastr arranged to a stoods, advancing and cock taking a hand near little cap, which set jauntily upon the back "Keep a good heart, Melson, you will seen quit

against him to condemn him. The only once who held aloof from the general crowd, except the immediate parties concerned, were Mr. and Mrs. Mastel, whom we have long neglected to mention, who had been present at the wedding and felt desply concerning the case in which they had taken a part; upon Bradford's un est, after parting with Henry and the Colonel, they had left, and kept accluded.

CHAPTER XIX.

"Life has one vest storn Thomass, in its gloom. We toil with hopes that must themselves consult. The wide world cound us is one mighty tous!

Bradf.rd's Riends speedily arrived, bringing with them the ablest counsel them in Richmond, as he in his letters, hed stated matters to the and solicited their aid; they were admitted to his cell by the warden, who courteously rethred leaving them to propound and answer each other's various questions.

who introduced Mr. John Ritchels, the counsel and who, together with Fengast, another of hi friends, formed the party.
"Whe accuses of murder?"

"I do not know yet, Bolton, it is a strange "Not kno v your accuser air ?" exclaimed th

"I do not."

"Do you suspect any one?"
"I do not know of any, who could be unjust malicious enough to prefer such a thing agains

"I will not debase you so, as to ask you whether you are innecent or not," resumed Betton, 'for of course I believe, and so does Fengast, and this learned gentleman, that you are "I knew you would," exclaimed Bradfurd

triumphantly, "with three such able friends, I can refute and put to abame my ensures."
"The man was murdered in Forest Road, was

he not?" inquired Ritchele.
"He was, in a cold blooded manner, and what made it more mysterious, it was evident it was net done for plunder, for his clothes were un-rified. 'Tie known I was on good terms with Mr. Cranliffe and his wife, so much so, that have prevalled upon the latter to forget the grie that is ernerming her, and become my bride; she consented to this, knowing that it would have been approved of by her deceased husband, and it was on the eve of our marriage I was arrested Circumstances are surely not against me?"

"They are not, it is true. Where were you the night the deed was committed?" can prove by my landlady, Mrs. Leeving."

"Tis well, sir. About what time was the crime committed?" "fis not knowr, as it was accomplished at night, which, I recollect, was dark and stormy; one reason of my being at home, as, had it been otherwise, I should most tikely have been at the

Hall. "Did your land ady see you during the even-

"Twice! once, toward the latter part, she brought me some hot toa, which I sent for, as I relt chilly and sick."

"What instrument was used in murdering the "A knife."

"Did you see him after death?" "I did, sir; I attended the funeral, which took place from the ball."

"Did you see Mrs. Cranliffe soon after her husband was buried?" "I did."

"How did she appear?" "Very much affileted, sir. It made an indaccable impression upon her. I had thought, after we were married, to travel as soon as she was able, as she appeared to be failing rapidly."

Where was Mrs. Cranliffe the night of the murder?" "At her own residence, as was proved at the inquest on the body."

"What verdict was then rendered?" "After a long but vain search for some clue to

the assassin, a verdiet was brought in, as near as remember, that 'The deceased came to his death at the hands of some person or persons unknown to the jury."

"Did the affair make much com village ?" "It did for a time ; but it gradually died away."

"Mr. Bradford, have you any idea, do you uspect any person or persons of committing the deed for which you have been arrested?" I know of none, whom I could with reason

suspect," and then a sudden fire flashed in his eve, and he resumed : "The brother of the dead is a man of upright,

onorable character." "He hes then a brother ?" "He has."

' His name and age ?" "Henry Cranleffo, aged between twenty three and twe nty-five."

"Who first discovered the murdered man?" "Harry Cranliffe, and one Colonel Pesling, on their road from Richmond." "Was the late Mr. Cranliffe worth much, possessed of much property ?"

"He was, sir." "D.d he leave a will ?" 'One was found, in which was opened, and

read." "To whom did he leave his wealth?" "The bulk of it to Harry, with Craniffe Hall, the slaves, and a small sum of money, altogether amounting to one third, to his wife."

"And his brother received the bulk ?" "He did." "Were they always on good terms with each

"Is the brother rich or poor?"

"I cannot say." "That will do," replied counseller Betchel olding up the paper upon which he had taken notes, during conversation. "I thank you Mr. Bradford, for your ready answers, it is a step in your divot. A guilty man could not exhibit & h That's my opinion," exclaimed both of

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practical judgment? I should not sak, but "Mr. Bolton, his snewers to my q

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